

Description:

The program is responsible for (1) preparation and updating of documents such as the strategic plan, long-range transportation plan, rail plan, bicycle/pedestrian plan, highway plan, pavement management reports, and Highway Needs Report; (2) maintaining route inventories for transportation systems; (3) assisting local governments with transportation planning; (4) gathering, analyzing, and distributing statewide highway and traffic data; (5) maintaining the department's linear referencing system and transportation maps; (6) developing a GIS system; (7) updating the HPMS data for FHWA reporting; and 8) coordinating special highway programs.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

1. Planning Coordination.

A. Complete the long-range transportation plan update.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
N/A	N/A	Vision Mgmt. team formed	Ongoing
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
Complete	—	—	—

B. Fully implement the GIS Business plan.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
N/A	N/A	Partial Implementation	Partial Implementation
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
Partial Implementation	Partial Implementation	Partial Implementation	Complete

D. Provide technical and administrative support to the three new Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
N/A	N/A	Initiated	Ongoing
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
Ongoing	Ongoing	—	—

2. Information System.

A. Implement the Phase 1, Initiative 4, of the department's Information Strategy Plan.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
N/A	N/A	Team Assembled, projects identified and prioritized	Ongoing
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	—

Program Results and Effects:

Results:

The program primarily produces outputs which are used by other programs within the department. It also has an important role in producing administrative outputs required by the Federal Highway Administration for reporting purposes. These administrative outputs meet at least one of the following criteria: (1) they take a substantial amount of time to produce; (2) they require primarily ongoing/year-round activities, and (3) they have quarterly, semi-annual, or annual scheduled/mandated due dates. Here is an example of an output used by other areas of the department: The annual vehicle miles traveled (VMT) helps highway design personnel decide where and when roadway improvements need to be scheduled, assists private business when deciding upon locations to build or expand, and are also used to project roadway congestion levels. The VMT is also a required output by the FHWA and is reported in the annual Highway Program Monitoring System report.

The program is responsible for statewide transportation planning efforts (both long- and short-range) and coordinates efforts with the public, associations, tribes, and officials from cities, counties, and other state and local agencies. The long-range transportation vision update is in process. The division's efforts on the Enterprise Data Model / Information Strategy Plan will partially implement the GIS Business Plan, although full implementation is not scheduled until 2007.

An Environmental Justice Task Force will determine a process for assessing the distribution of transportation program benefits and burdens with respect to identified low-income and minority groups and will determine whether an adjustment process is needed to address any identified imbalances in the distribution of transportation program benefits and burdens. Environmental Justice will be focused on the long-range transportation vision update to ensure representation of minority and low-income populations.

Data gathering and analysis for both the Pavement and Congestion Management Systems is conducted within this program in support of the Highway Operations Program.

Effects:

The program is responsible for ensuring that the planning requirements of the Federal Highway Administration are being implemented, both within the department and within the six metropolitan planning organizations in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Boise, Nampa, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello. Most federal planning requirements have funding holdback penalties; therefore the state is assured of full federal funding by the implementation of these planning requirements. Statewide planning and coordination helps the department to maximize the efficiency of the transportation system through the efficient use of limited resources.

The program is also responsible for providing mandatory highway and traffic data to the Federal Highway Administration and data for several strategic highway performance measures, including those for pavement condition and congestion.

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